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OBSCURING INDIVIDUAL IDENTIFICATION CODES AND RELATED
ASSEMBLY

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AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated October 4, 2004. A similar Amendment was previously submitted by Applicants, but in an Advisory Action dated October 21, 2004, the Examiner refused to enter the

Amendment on the basis that it raised new issues that would require further consideration or search. Accordingly, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Examination.

Furthermore, simultaneous with this filing, Applicant are withdrawing the application from appeal.

Finally, according to the Advisory Action dated October 21, 2004, the period for reply to the Advisory Action expired four months from the mailing date of the final rejection – October 15, 2004. Accordingly, a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) is included with this response.